

Benjamin Ogle Tayloe House
23 Madison Place
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Present Owner: U.S. Government

Present Occupant and Use; National Science Foundation

Description

Brick in Flemish bond, painted Buff originally the Tayloe House was a 3-bay composition as revealed by tall twin chimneys which dominate each end and some undisturbed brick closers to be observed in the N.W. corner where the Palladian window and entrance bay were developed by Senator Cameron (where the servant's gate formerly stood). A distinctive feature is a triple window motif with flanking marble columns, and entablature marking the location of the old entrance vestibule. Scale and detail of scroll-type cornice, and of original twin dormers with pilasters and six-over-six pane sash, point to its early origin, as do the stone lintels and corner blocks. A well designed five-panel cast iron balcony stretching across the second floor, is probably a somewhat later addition, likewise the iron fence along Madison Place. The building has a slate roof.

No. of Stories: 2½ with basement

Historical Data

This building was a social center during Tayloe period later occupied by Don Cameron, Senator from Penn., referred to as Little White House during time of President McKinley when it was the residence of Mark Hanna. This building is a notable landmark of LaFayette Square. It is sometimes called the "Cameron" or Tayloe-Cameron House.

References: W.P.A. Wash., Guide, pp. 454-5, 653, HABI forms prepared by T. Russell Jones and Worth Bailey, HABS, National Park Service.

Approved

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Date

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